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KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

To the Chairman and Members of the District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

The Births registered in the District during the year 1894 have been 74, or 26.13 per 1000. Last year there were 72, or 25.43 per 1000.

Mortality:

There have been 34 deaths, of which 4 occurred in the Infectious Hospital, in cases not belonging to the District, so that 30, or 10.59 per 1000, represents the death rate for the year—an exceedingly favourable one. Of these deaths 8 occurred in persons over 65 years of age. Last year the rate was 12.36 per 1000.

Sickness:

Ten cases of Diphtheria, two of them fatal, have been notified, arising in various parts of the District. This disease, owing no doubt to the damp season, has been prevalent throughout the country.

Forty-two cases of Scarlatina have been notified, of which 31 were removed to the Borough Hospital, and none proved fatal.

Two cases of Typhoid Fever, both mild, and six of Erysipelas were notified.

There have also been a few cases of Measles.

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF DISEASE.

In all cases of Infectious Disease the Inspector visits at once, and informs me fully of the circumstances and surroundings of the patient. If proper isolation cannot be carried out in cases of Scarlatina, their removal to the Hospital is advised. The Inspector also supplies disinfec-

tants, and superintends most carefully the fumigation and disinfection of the premises, &c. I also visit when I consider that my personal attention is required, and in all cases where the Inspector requires my advice or assistance.

SANITARY WORK COMPLETED, CONTEMPLATED, OR REQUIRED.

1. *Systematic Inspection* is carried out by Mr. Steadman who keeps me constantly informed of all matters of importance, and I visit systematically the various parts of the District.

2. *House Accommodation* : Generally good.

3. *Overcrowding* : No case has arisen.

4. *Drainage :* No important difficulty has arisen.

5. *Water Supply :* On the whole very good.

6. *Excrement Disposal*: Varies with the locality.

7. *Scavenging :* Has been done by Highway Board.

8. *Burial Grounds :* Satisfactory.

9. *Canal Boats :* Regularly inspected.

10. *Bakehouse :* One only. This has been well kept.

11. *Slaughterhouse* : One only, found in good order.

12 & 13. *Lodging Houses* : None in the District.

14. *Dairies and Cowsheds* : Inspector looks well after.

15. *Offensive Trades :* None are carried on.

16. *Sale of Food and Drugs Act :* No action required.

17. *Food unfit for Consumption :* No case has arisen.

18. *Byelaws :* None in force.

19. *River Pollution :* Practically none.

20. *Industries :* A large proportion of the population work at the manufactories in the town, the rest are agricultural.

21. *Vans and Tents :* Are not found in the District.

22. *Fruit and Hop Pickers* : None but residents.

23. *Department of Inspector of Nuisances :* Most efficiently administered by Mr. Steadman, who is most punctual and

conscientious in the discharge of his duties, and gives me every assistance in his power.

24. *Vaccination Acts*: Most efficiently carried out.

The District generally is, I believe, in a good sanitary condition, and the health of its inhabitants (putting on one side the numerous cases of Scarlatina,—for which our proximity to the Borough is responsible), has been very good.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. H. ADDENBROOKE.

KIDDERMINSTER DISTRICT.

(A) *TABLE OF DEATHS during the year* 1894, *in the Kidderminster Rural Sanitary District, classified according to* DISEASES, AGES, *and* LOCALITIES.

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; Public Institutions being shown as separate Localities.	Mortality from all Causes at subjoined Ages.								Mortality from subjoined Causes, distinguishing Deaths of Children under Five Years of Age.												
	At all Ages.	Under 1 Year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and upwards		Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup	Enteric or Typhoid Fever	Puerperal Fever	Diarrhœa and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia & Pleurisy.	Heart Disease	Injuries.	All other Diseases.	Total.
District of the Foreign of Kidderminster.	34	5	3	4	4	10	8	Under 5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	8
								5 upwds	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	3	15	26
Deaths occurring in the Infectious Hospital, within the district, among persons not belonging thereto.	4	3	..	1	..	..	..	Under 5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
								5 upwds	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this return relates:—Area, in Acres, 9,482; Population (1891), 2,831.

KIDDERMINSTER DISTRICT.

(B) *TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year* 1894, *in the Kidderminster Rural Sanitary District, classified according to* DISEASES, AGES, *and* LOCALITIES.

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	Census, 1891.	Estimated to middle of 1894.			Smallpox	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Enteric or Typhoid Fever	Erysipelas.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Enteric or Typhoid Fever.
Whole District	2831		74										
Hoobrook				Under 5.	..	4	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Foley Park & Stourport Road				Under 5.	..	3	1	..	..	..	2	..	..
				5 upwds,	..	10	..	..	..	2	7	..	..
Sutton Common				Under 5,	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	8	5	..	1	..	8	..	..
Chester Road				Under 5.	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Bewdley Road				Under 5,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	3	1	..	..	1	3	..	..
Whitville, Franche, & Blakebrook				5 upwds	..	4	3	..	1	2	2	..	..
Kidderminster Borough Infectious Hospital, Stourport Road.				Under 5, 5 upwds.	6	292	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* These figures are also included in Infectious Hospital figures.

"Notification of Infectious Disease" has been compulsory in the District since January 1st, 1891. *Isolation Hospital:* BOROUGH HOSPITAL, STOURPORT ROAD, KIDDERMINSTER.

Table C.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1894.

Kidderminster Division of the Rural Sanitary District of Kidderminster.

Area in Acres, 9,482. Population, 1881, 2,289.
,, 1891, 2,831.
Increase 1881-91, 542.

Name of Medical Officer of Health:—E. H. Addenbrooke.

MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES.

Small Pox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Enteric or Typhoid Fever	Diarrhœa and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Erysipelas.	Cancer.	Phthisis.	Pneumonia, Bronchitis, and Pleurisy.	Heart disease	Injuries.	Other Diseases.
0	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	3	19

REGISTERED BIRTHS.			REGISTERED DEATHS.		
Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
40	34	74	21	13	34

MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES.

Under 1 year	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.
5	3	4	4	10	8

Mortality per 1,000 of Population living during same Period:

Birth Rate, 26.13. Death Rate, 10.59. Zymotic Death Rate, 0.70. Infantile Mortality, 67.56· Phthisis Death Rate, 1.05. Respiratory Death Rate, 1.76. Smallpox Death Rate, 0. Measles Death Rate, 0. Scarlatina Death Rate (excluding Hospital), 0. Diphtheria Death Rate, 0.70. Whooping Cough Death Rate, 0 Fever Death Rate, 0. Diarrhœa Death Rate, 0. Cancer Death Rate, 0.35.

Arising in this District, and not including total admissions to the Infectious Hospital.	Small Pox	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria	Typhoid Fever.	Erysipelas.	Puerperal Fever.
Cases	0	*42	10	2	6	..
Deaths	0	0	2	0	0	..
Hospital Cases ..	6	292	..	..	..	..
,, Deaths ..	0	4	.	..	..	..

*31 of these are included in Hospital Cases.

Diseases prevalent: Scarlatina. *Period:* whole year. *Schools closed:* None.

BEWDLEY DISTRICT.

To the Rural District Council of Kidderminster.

BEWDLEY,

Feb. 9th, 1895.

GENTLEMEN,

Death Rate.—During the year ending December 31st, 1894, the deaths in the District have been 31, as against 48 last year, giving a death rate of 14.63. This is considerably less than last year.

The death rate was distributed as follows:—

Kidderminster Foreign	...	15.64 per 1000
Upper Arley	...	15.45 ,,
Ribbesford	...	*Nil.*
Dowles	...	12.08 ,,

Birth Rate.—There were 44 births, giving an annual birth rate of 20.78 per 1000.

Zymotic Disease.—Severe epidemics of Scarlet Fever and Measles visited Wribbenhall district during the year, and some of the cases of Scarlet Fever were removed to Hospital [*See table C*]. These epidemics also necessitated the closing of the Schools in Wribbenhall.

Systematic Inspection.—Regularly performed.

House Accommodation.—Several improvements have taken place.

Overcrowding.—No case reported.

Drainage.—Dumbwells and ashpits, which are regularly inspected, and kept in as sanitary a condition as possible.

Water Supply: Chiefly wells and springs, which may be called fairly good. A well in Dowles parish has been much improved during the year.

Excrement Disposal.—No system.

Scavenging.—Efficiently done.

Burial Grounds.—Satisfactory.

Canal Boats.—Inspected at Bewdley.

Bakehouses.—Regularly inspected, and kept in a satisfactory condition.

Slaughterhouses.—Regularly inspected and kept in a satisfactory condition. A new one has been erected in Wribbenhall during the year.

Tenement and Common Lodging Houses.—None.

Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops.—Regularly inspected.

Offensive Trade.—None.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act.—No case.

Food unfit for Human Consumption.—No case.

Byelaws.—None.

River Pollution.—Slight.

Industries.—Chiefly agricultural.

Vans and Tents.—None.

Fruit and Pea-pickers.—Composed of local population.

Vaccination Acts.—Efficiently carried out.

I have to thank Mr. Steadman for the energy with which he dealt with all cases of complaint, particularly the cases of "Styles," "Wakeman," and "Ricketts," (*vide* his report), and for the valuable assistance he gave me in attending with me, not only to these cases, but also to the cases arising out of the Scarlet Fever epidemic, and the removal to the Hospital which I deemed necessary in the interest of the public health.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

TREVOR WEBSTER,
Medical Officer of Health.

BEWDLEY DISTRICT.

(A) *TABLE OF DEATHS during the year* 1894, *in the Rural Sanitary (Bewdley) District, classified according to* DISEASES, AGES, *and* LOCALITIES.

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; Public Institutions being shown as separate Localities.	Mortality from all Causes at subjoined Ages.								Mortality from subjoined Causes, distinguishing Deaths of Children under Five Years of Age.												
	At all Ages.	Under 1 Year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and upwards		Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup	Enteric or Typhoid Fever	Measles.	Diarrhœa and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia & Pleurisy.	Heart Disease	Injuries.	All other Diseases.	Total.
Wribbenhall	20	6	2	0	0	6	6	Under 5	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	8
								5 upwds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	9	12
Upper Arley	10	1	1	0	0	4	4	Under 5,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
								5 upwds.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	5	8
Ribbesford	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Under 5,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
								5 upwds.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dowles..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	Under 5,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
								5 upwds.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	31	8	3	..	..	10	10	Under 5	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	11
								5 upwds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	2	14	20

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this return relates:—Area, in Acres, 6,158; Population (1891), 2,117.

BEWDLEY DISTRICT.

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	Census, 1891.	Estimated to middle of 1894.			Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Enteric or Typhoid Fever	Erysipelas.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Enteric or Typhoid Fever.
Wribbenhall	1278	1278	28	Under 5.	..	13	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	30	..	..	..	1	12	..	..
Upper Arley	647	647	12	Under 5.	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
				5 upwds,	..	4	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Ribbesford	101	101	1	Under 5,	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Dowles	91	91	3	Under 5.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	2117	2117	44	Under 5,	..	15	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	36	..	..	..	2	15	..	..

"Notification of Infectious Disease" has been compulsory in the District since January 1st, 1891. *Isolation Hospital:* BOROUGH HOSPITAL, STOURPORT ROAD, KIDDERMINSTER.

Table C.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1894.

Bewdley Division of the Rural Sanitary District of Kidderminster.

Area in Acres, 6,158. Population, 1881, 2,258.
,, 1891, 2,117.
Decrease 1881-91, 141.
Estimated Population, 1894, 2,117.

Name of Medical Officer of Health:—Trevor Webster.

MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES.

Small Pox.	Measles.	Enteric or Typhoid Fever	Diarrhœa and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Erysipelas.	Cancer.	Phthisis.	Pneumonia,	Bronchitis, and Pleurisy.	Heart disease	Injuries.	Other Diseases.
0	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	0	2	17

REGISTERED BIRTHS.			REGISTERED DEATHS.		
Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
16	28	44	16	15	31

MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES.

Under 1 year	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.
8	3	0	0	10	10

Mortality per 1,000 of Population living during same Period:

Birth Rate, 20.78. Death Rate, 14.63. Zymotic Death Rate, 1.8. Infantile Mortality, 181. Phthisis Death Rate, ·47. Respiratory Death Rate, 2.35. Smallpox Death Rate, 0. Measles Death Rate, 1·8. Scarlatina Death Rate 0. Diphtheria Death Rate, 0. Whooping Cough Death Rate, 0. Fever Death Rate, 0. Diarrhœa Death Rate, 0. Cancer Death Rate, 0·94.

	Measles.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria	Typhoid Fever.	Erysipelas.	Puerperal Fever.
Cases	very prevalent	51	0	0	2	..
Deaths	4	0	0	0	0	..
Hospital Cases ..	..	20	..	..	..	..
,, Deaths ..	..	0	..	..	..	..

Diseases prevalent: Scarlatina, Measles. *Period:* Spring, autumn and winter. *Schools closed:* British and National.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Average for the years 1884 to 1894 inclusive.	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	1889	1888	1887	1886	1885	1884	1883
Birth Rate per 1000 of the population	22·7	20.7	26·4	18·8	26·9	21·6	21·6	25	18·4	23 5	24·2	25·3	21·1
Total Death Rate per 1000 of the population.	16	14·63	22·67	17·9	18·8	9·7	14·8	13	15·1	12·6	21	13	13
Death Rate from the Seven Principal Zymotic Diseases per 1000 of the population,	1·2	1·8	·47	·9	·4	·8	1·6	·8	·8	1·7	2·9	·4	·8
Rate of Infant Mortality estimated by measuring the proportion of Children who died before attaining 1 year per 1000 of the Births Registered during the same period.	136	181	232	175	122	78	98	118	136	107	113	66	120

WOLVERLEY DISTRICT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

The Births registered in the Wolverley District during the year 1894 have been 65, or 23.62 per 1000. In 1893 there were 74, or 21.08 per 1000.

Mortality:

There have been 36 Deaths, or 13.80 per 1000,—a very low death-rate, though somewhat higher than in last year, when it was 8.83 only.

Of these 36 deaths 11 were under one year, and 11 over 65 years of age, leaving only 14 deaths between these extremes.

The Infantile Mortality rate, though lower than it was last year, is still rather high in the Wolverley and Cookley divisions of the District, owing to the poverty and distress brought on by the closure of the works.

Sickness:

There have been 24 cases of Scarlatina notified, one of which died, and 8 were removed into the Infectious Hospital on account of insufficient means of isolation. Two cases of Erysipelas and one of Puerperal Fever have also been notified, these recovered.

On January 15th, in consequence of six cases of Scarlatina having been notified in various parts of Wolverley parish, I requested the managers to close the Wolverley National Schools for three weeks. I was obliged also to close the same Schools for a similar period in November, on account of the prevalence of Measles, and by order of the Local Government Board made a special report to them on the subject. The Cookley Schools were also closed during the greater part of June on account of the prevalence of Measles.

All cases of Infectious disease are visited by the Inspector as soon as possible after notification, he supplies disinfectants, and reports at once to me upon the sanitary surroundings of the case, &c. At the termination of the illness, or as soon as the case is removed, he personally superintends fumigation and disinfection, again reporting particulars to me.

1. Besides visiting when it appears desirable such cases as I have referred to, or any in which the Inspector requires my advice, I frequently go through the various parts of my district, either on my rounds as District Medical Officer, or with a special view to sanitary superintendence.

2. *House Accommodation* is very fair, considering the poverty of the District.

3. *Overcrowding* occurred in one instance at Sion Hill, Broadwaters, and was immediately abated upon notice being served.

4. *Drainage* has been well looked after, and defects have been remedied.

5. *Water Supply* is, as a rule, plentiful and good.

6. *Excrement Disposal* varies. No regular system is required.

7. *Scavenging* has been carried out by the Highway Board

8. *Burial Grounds* are satisfactory.

9. *Canal Boats* are regularly inspected.

10. *Bakehouse.* Only one, which is well kept.

11. *Slaughterhouses.* Three, which have been inspected, and found on the whole satisfactory.

12 & 13. *Common and Tenement Lodging Houses.* There are none in the District.

14. *Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops* have been well looked after by Mr. Steadman.

15. *Offensive Trades.* None are carried on.

16. *Sale of Food and Drugs Act.* No action required.

17. *Food unfit for Consumption* No case has arisen.

18. *Byelaws.* There are none in force.

19. *River Pollution* does not occur to any extent.

20. *Industries (Factories and Workshops Act*, 1891.*)* No action needed.

21. *Vans and Tents.* None in the District.

22. *Fruit and Hop-pickers.* None.

The District is on the whole in a good sanitary condition and the health of the inhabitants (apart from the epidemics of Scarlatina and Measles, which have been of a mild character) is, and has been throughout the year, very good.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. H. ADDENBROOKE.

WOLVERLEY DISTRICT.

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Cookley ..	17	6	4	1	1	3	2	Under 5	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	4	..	..	3	10
								5 upwds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	2	7
Wolverley and Broadwaters	16	5	1	1	..	3	6	Under 5,	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	6
								5 upwds.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	5	10
Churchill.. ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	Under 5,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
								5 upwds.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	3
Totals ..	36	11	5	2	1	6	11	Under 5	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	6	..	..	6	16
								5 upwds	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	5	3	8	20

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this return relates:—Area, in Acres, 6,378; Population (1891), 2,751.

WOLVERLEY DISTRICT.

(B) *TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year* 1894, *in the Rural Sanitary (Wolverley) District, classified according to* DISEASES, AGES, *and* LOCALITIES.

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	Census, 1891.	Estimated to middle of 1894.			Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Puerperal Fever.	Erysipelas.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Enteric or Typhoid Fever.
Whole District	2751	..	74	Under 5.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wolverley and Broadwaters	..	..	..	Under 5.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				5 upwds,	..	16	..	..	..	2	7	..	..
Cookley	..	..	..	Under 5,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	6	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
Churchill	..	..	..	Under 5.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	2751	..	74	Under 5,	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	22	..	..	1	2	8	..	..

"Notification of Infectious Disease" has been compulsory in the District since January 1st, 1891. *Isolation Hospital:* BOROUGH HOSPITAL, STOURPORT ROAD, KIDDERMINSTER.

Table C.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1894.

Wolverley Division of the Rural Sanitary District of Kidderminster.

Area in Acres, 6,378. Population, 1881, 3,510.
,, 1891, 2,751.

Decrease 1881-91, 759.

Name of Medical Officer of Health:—E. H. Addenbrooke.

MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES.

Small Pox.	Measles.	Scarlatina.	Diarrhœa and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Erysipelas.	Cancer.	Phthisis.	Pneumonia, Bronchitis, and Pleurisy.	Heart disease	Injuries.	Other Diseases.
0	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	8	5	3	13

REGISTERED BIRTHS.			REGISTERED DEATHS.		
Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
37	28	65	15	21	36

MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES.

Under 1 year	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.
11	5	2	1	6	11

Mortality per 1,000 of Population living during same Period:

Birth Rate, 23.62. Death Rate, 13.8. Zymotic Death Rate, 1.45. Infantile Mortality, 169·07. Phthisis Death Rate, 0·72. Respiratory Death Rate, 2.90. Smallpox Death Rate, 0. Measles Death Rate, 0·72. Scarlatina Death Rate 0·36. Diphtheria Death Rate, 0. Whooping Cough Death Rate, 0. Fever Death Rate, 0. Diarrhœa Death Rate, 0·36 Cancer Death Rate, 0·36.

	Measles.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria	Typhoid Fever.	Erysipelas.	Puerperal Fever.
Cases	Between 100 & 200	24	0	0	2	1
Deaths	2	1	0	0	0	..
Hospital Cases ..	..	8	..	..	..	..
,, Deaths ..	..	0	..	..	..	..

Diseases prevalent: Scarlatina. *Period:* January and June. Measles. *Period:* May, June, July, November and December. *Schools closed:* 2, one of them twice.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT DIVISION.

To the Chairman and Members of the Kidderminster Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Nineteenth Annual Report for the above Division.

The Births registered in the district during the year ended 31st December, 1894, have been 60 (29 male, 31 females). This gives a Birth-rate of 26.7 per 1000, of the population; in 1893, the Birth-rate was exactly the same, and in 1892 it was 21.4

I—STATEMENT OF MORTALITY AND SICKNESS.

Death Rate.

The number of Deaths registered in the District during the year ended 31st December 1894, has been 33 (18 males, 15 females), giving a death rate of 14.7 per 1000 of the population, which is 2,242; as compared with 13.8 for 1893; and 20.5 for 1892.

The deaths were distributed in the four divisions of which my district is composed as follows: Chaddesley Corbett, 22; Stone, 10; Rushock, 1; Broom, 0.

Twenty of the deaths occurred in persons aged 60 years and upwards, including 6 between 70 and 80, and 7 over 80 years.

Infantile Mortality.

Three deaths occurred under 1 year of age, a corresponding number occurring in 1893; this makes the infant mortality 50.0 per 1000 of the births registered.

Inquests were held over 4 of the deaths, and one was uncertified.

The following diseases were notified to me:

Scarlatina, 9 cases.
Diphtheria, 1 case.
Typhoid Fever, 1 case.
Erysipelas, 3 cases.

The Scarlatina cases occurred in different parts of the district: 6 in Chaddesley Corbett; 2 in Stone; 1 in Rushock. None of the cases proved fatal.

Four occurred in one house at Barnett Hill (3 children and the father); the children attended Blakedown Schools and no doubt contracted the fever there, as the fever was prevalent in the village at the time.

It was not found necessary to remove any of the cases to the Borough Infectious Hospital, as isolation could be efficiently carried out.

Measles were prevalent in Rushock in July; no fatal case occurred.

Whooping Cough was prevalent during May, June, and July.

II.—SUMMARY OF ACTION UNDERTAKEN FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF DISEASE.

No cases of Infectious disease were removed to the Borough Infectious Hospital, as there was no necessity for their removal.

In all cases disinfectants were supplied by the Inspector, and after recovery the rooms, etc., were thoroughly disinfected by fumigation, &c., and whitewashing.

Any nuisances occurring in the district are promptly dealt with by the Inspector, and when necessary, he reports the circumstances of any special cases to me immediately.

III.—SANITARY WORK COMPLETED, CONTEMPLATED, OR REQUIRED.

1.—*Systematic Inspection:* Regularly and efficiently performed, both by myself and the Inspector, Mr. Steadman, who is a most energetic and painstaking officer.

2.—*House Accommodation:* Very fair.

3.—*Overcrowding:* Five cases occurred, which were abated.

4.—*Drainage:* Several cases of defective drainage have been dealt with. A large open drain leading from the North end of the village, 70 or 80 yards in length, has been greatly improved by the laying of sanitary pipes the whole length.

5.—*Water Supply:* On the whole is very good and plentiful. Three cases of defective water supply have been dealt with.

6.—*Excrement Disposal:* No general system adopted.

7.—*Scavenging :* Carried out by the Highway Board.

8.—*Burial Boards and Mortuaries :* Satisfactory.

9.—*Canal Boats :* None.

10.—*Bakehouses* : Regularly inspected.

11.—*Slaughter-houses* : Regularly inspected and lime-washed.

12.—*Common Lodging Houses* : None :

13.—*Tenement Lodging-houses :* None.

14.—*Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops* : Carefully inspected.

15.—*Offensive Trades :* None.

16.—*Sale of Food and Drugs Act :* No action required.

17.—*Food unfit for Human Consumption :* No cases.

18.—*Byelaws :* None in force.

19.—*River Pollution :* Very slight.

20.—*Industries :* Agricultural and scythe grinding.

21.—*Vans and Tents :* None.

22.—*Factories and Workshops :* Satisfactory.

23.—*Special Reports of M.O.H. during the year :* None.

24.—*Vaccination Acts :* Efficiently carried out.

I may say in conclusion that I consider the District is in a good sanitary condition.

With this Report I beg to forward tabulated Statements of Sickness and Mortality, &c.

I am Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

FREDK. FITCH,

Medical Officer of Health

CHADDESLEY,

February 19th, 1895.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT DISTRICT.

(A) *TABLE OF DEATHS during the year* 1894, *in the Chaddesley Corbett Rural District, classified according to* DISEASES, AGES, *and* LOCALITIES.

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; Public Institutions being shown as separate Localities.	Mortality from all Causes at subjoined Ages.								Mortality from subjoined Causes, distinguishing Deaths of Children under Five Years of Age.												
	At all Ages.	Under 1 Year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and upwards		Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup	Enteric or Typhoid Fever	Measles.	Diarrhœa and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia & Pleurisy.	Heart Disease	Injuries.	All other Diseases.	Total.
Chaddesley Corbett	22	2	..	..	3	7	10	Under 5,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
								5 upwds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	15	20
Stone	10	1	..	..	..	4	5	Under 5,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
								5 upwds.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	7	9
Rushock	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	Under 5,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
								5 upwds.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Broom	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Under 5,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
								5 upwds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	33	3	..	..	3	12	15	Under 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3
								5 upwds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	1	23	30

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this return relates:—Area, in Acres, 10,295; Population (1891), 2,242.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT DISTRICT.

(B) *TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year* 1894, *in the Chaddesley Corbett Rural District, classified according to* DISEASES, AGES, *and* LOCALITIES.

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; Public Institutions being shown as separate Localities.	Population at all Ages.		Registered Births.	Aged under 5 or over 5.	New Cases of Sickness in each Locality coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health						Number of such Cases Removed from their Homes in the several Localities for Treatment in Isolation Hospital.		
	Census, 1891.	Estimated to middle of 1894.			Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Erysipelas.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Enteric or Typhoid Fever.
Chaddesley Corbett ..	1400	1420	35	Under 5.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	5	..	..	1	3	..	..	..
Stone	568	590	16	Under 5.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				5 upwds,	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rushock	165	170	4	Under 5,	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Broom	109	109	5	Under 5.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	2242	2289	60	Under 5,	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				5 upwds.	..	6	1	..	1	3	..	..	..

"Notification of Infectious Disease" has been compulsory in the District since January 1st, 1891. *Isolation Hospital:* BOROUGH HOSPITAL, SUTTON COMMON, KIDDERMINSTER.

Table C.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1894.

Chaddesley Corbett Division of the Rural Sanitary District of Kidderminster.

Area in Acres, 10,295. Population, 1881, 2,372.
,, 1891, 2,242.
Decrease 1881-91, 130.
Estimated Population, 1894, 2,289

Name of Medical Officer of Health:—Frederick Fitch, M.D.

MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES.

Small Pox.	Measles.	Scarlatina.	Diarrhœa and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Erysipelas.	Cancer.	Phthisis.	Pneumonia.	Bronchitis, and Pleurisy.	Heart disease.	Injuries.	Other Diseases.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	26

REGISTERED BIRTHS.			REGISTERED DEATHS.		
Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
29	31	60	18	15	33

MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES.

Under 1 year	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 60.	60 and upwards.
3	0	0	3	7	20

Mortality per 1,000 of Population living during same Period:

Birth Rate, 26·7. Death Rate, 14·7. Zymotic Death Rate, 0. Infantile Mortality, 50·0. Phthisis Death Rate, 1·33. Respiratory Death Rate, 1·33. Smallpox Death Rate. 0. Measles Death Rate, 0. Scarlatina Death Rate 0. Diphtheria Death Rate, 0. Whooping Cough Death Rate, 0. Fever Death Rate, 0. Diarrhœa Death Rate, 0. Cancer Death Rate, 0.

	Measles.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria	Fever.	Erysipelas.	Puerperal Fever.
Cases	0	9	1	1	3	0
Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hospital Cases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
,, Deaths ..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Diseases prevalent: Whooping Cough. *Period:* May, June, and July. Measles. *Period:* July. *Schools closed:* Hoo Brook (Stone).

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Average for the years 1885 to 1894 inclusive.	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	1889	1888	1887	1886	1885	1884	1883
Birth Rate per 1000 of the population	..	26·7	26·7	21·4	25·8	23·6	21·4	23·4	22·3	20·2	28·0	..	..
Total Death Rate per 1000 of the population.	..	14·7	13·8	20·5	14·2	12·8	10·7	17·6	16·0	14·7	19·1	..	..
Death Rate from the Seven Principal Zymotic Diseases per 1000 of the population,	..	0·0	0·0	·89	0·0	0·0	0·0	0·0	1·68	0·0	1·26	..	..
Rate of Infant Mortality estimated by measuring the proportion of Children who died before attaining 1 year per 1000 of the Births Registered during the same period.	..	50·0	50·0	187·0	103·4	122·8	38·4	125·0	113·2	41·6	121·2	..	..

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

KIDDERMINSTER,
JANUARY 8TH, 1895.

To the Kidderminster Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present you with my Twelfth Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1894.

The number of Notices served for the Removal and Abatement of Nuisances is 293, as against 320 last year; a decrease of 27 relating to 196 nuisances as against 204 last year, decrease of 8. Of the 196 nuisances dealt with, 193 have been abated, leaving 3 still outstanding.

DESCRIPTION OF NUISANCES DEALT WITH:

Foul and offensive privy ashpits	67
Dilapidated privy ashpits	10
Filthy and unwholesome dwelling-houses ...	25
Defective drains	27
Foul and offensive dumb-wells	10
Accumulations or deposits	14
Want of a proper water supply	13
Cases of overcrowding	7
Defective spouting	1
Foul piggeries	6
Defective water closet	1
Tubs of stale wash	4
Foul ashpits	2
Dilapidated dwelling houses	2
Foul cesspools	2
Foul pan closet	1
Foul ditch	1
Foul water cisterns	2
Foul or defective water closet	1
	196

THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFICATION ACT OF 1889.

One hundred and fifty-eight Certificates have been received by me from the Medical Officers of Health, relating to the following Fevers:

DR. FITCH'S DISTRICT—*Comprising Chaddesley Corbett, Rushock, Stone, and Broom.*

Erysipelas	2
Typhoid	1
Diphtheria	1
Scarlet Fever	9
Total ...	13

No case removed to the Borough Infectious Hospital. Diphtheria case at Stone. Scarlet Fever at Rushook, Hoo Brook (Stone Parish), and Barnett Hill, Chaddesley Parish.

DR. WEBSTER'S DISTRICT—*Comprising the Bewdley District, with Ribbesford, Dowles, and Upper Arley.*

Scarlet Fever	51
Erysipelas	2
Total ...	53

Twenty cases removed into the Borough Infectious Hospital, as follows:—2 from Ribbesford Parish, 2 Upper Arley, 1 Keeper's Lodge, 1 Stables, Spring Grove, 1 Spring Grove Villa, 2 Burlish, 2 Blackstone, 6 Catchem's End, 2 Habberley Road, 1 Heath Farm.

DR. ADDENBROOKE'S DISTRICT—*Comprising the Foreign of Kidderminster.*

Scarlet Fever	42
Diphtheria	10
Typhoid	2
Erysipelas	6
Total ...	60

Removals into the Borough Infectious Hospital: 31 of Scarlet Fever, namely, 1 Bone Mill, Kidderminster Foreign, 4 Hoo Brook, 3 Hemming Street, 3 Chester Road, 1 Sutton Farm, 3 The Lea, 2 Stourport Road, 1 Franche Road, 4 Spencer Street, 6 Foley Park, 2 Sutton Road, and 1 Marlpool Lane. Two of the cases of Diphtheria proved fatal, 1 from Sutton Road and 1 Franche Road.

DR. ADDENBROOKE'S DISTRICT—*Comprising Wolverley and Churchill.*

Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	24
Erysipelas	...	...	...	2
Puerperal	...	...	...	1
	Total	..		27

Removals into the Borough Infectious Hospital, 8 cases, namely, 1 The Lea, 2 Wolverley Village, and 5 Broadwaters.

THE BOROUGH INFECTIOUS HOSPITAL.

Cases removed, 59 Scarlet Fever, as against 48 last year, increase 11, viz: 31 from the Foreign of Kidderminster, 8 Wolverley Parish; and 20, namely, 2 Ribbesford Parish, 2 Upper Arley Parish, 1 Keeper's Lodge, 1 Spring Grove Stables, 1 Spring Grove Villa, 2 Burlish, 2 Blackstone, 6 Catchem's End, 2 Habberley Road, and 1 Heath Farm; total 59.

SUMMARY OF FEVER CASES.

Scarlet Fever	...	126	as against 86 last year; increase 40
Typhoid	...	3	
Diphtheria	...	11	
Puerperal	...	1	
Erysipelas	...	12	
Total	...	153	as against 117 last year; increase 36

DISINFECTION

Has been carried out as usual in all cases of Fever, and the infected Cottages and Premises have been required to be cleaned and white-washed.

MEASLES

Measles appeared in Hoo Brook in February, and the School was closed for three weeks. Also the Schools closed in Wolverley for three weeks in January, 1894, and again in December. Measles appeared in Cookley in June; 30 cases were visited by myself; also in May the Schools were closed by Medical orders. The Wribbenhall Schools were also closed by Medical order.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of the District has been well looked after, and to the best of my belief the District is in a clean and healthy condition.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS.

No person has been registered during the year. Those registered have been regularly visited from time to time, and on the whole found in a clean and satisfactory condition; cleansing and whitewashing having been done.

Total on Register	...	...	47

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND BAKEHOUSES.

Constant visits have been paid during the year, and each slaughterhouse and bakehouse has been lime-washed several times.

CANAL BOATS ACTS.

Number of Boats Inspected	...	108
Visits to the Canal	... ...	61
Complying with the Law and Local Government Board Regulations		98
Infringements or contraventions	...	10

Total number of persons found on these boats—males, 212; females, 12; children, 19.

I again testify that there is a great improvement in the manners, health, and comfort of the boatmen generally, and a disposition on the part of owners to improve their boats by keeping them in a cleaner and more habitable condition than formerly, thus providing a more comfortable abode for its occupants.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH WATER ACT OF 1878.

Five notices have been served under this Act for dwelling-houses, namely, 1 Habberley Road, Catchem's End, 2 Habberley Road, Kidderminster Foreign; 2 Spencer Street, Sutton Common, Kidderminster Foreign. Three certificates were granted by the Authority, and in the other two cases water was available within a reasonable distance.

The whole of the Nuisances dealt with have been abated without any proceedings before Justices.

Trusting my humble endeavours in my capacity as your Inspector of Nuisances have given you satisfaction, and thanking you for your kind assistance and support,

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES STEADMAN,

Inspector of Nuisances.

JANUARY 8TH, 1895.

FREDK. BURCHER,

Clerk to the Rural District Council.